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SUBJECT: IAEA STUDY OF REGIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE CENTERS

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1. SUMMARY: AGENCY IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO CONVENE AN INFORMAL GROUP OF REPS OF US.UK, FRANCE, AND FRG IN PERIOD JANUARY 19-21 TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON OVERALL PLAN FOR SUBJECT STUDY, AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON EXPERT HELP DESIRED DURING STUDY. ALSO ENVISIONED IS MEETING DURING WEEK OF JANUARY 26 WITH REPS OF EXISTING MULTINATIONAL ENTITIES (E.G., EUROCHEMIC) TO DISCUSS THEIR LEGAL/ORGANIZATIONAL/ EXPERIENCES WITH SUCH ENTERPRISES. FINALLY, WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH UK REPS DESIRABILITY OF US-UK CONSULTATION PRIOR TO CONVENING OF "INFORMAL GROUP" MENTIONED ABOVE. MISSION SUGGESTS PARTICIPATION IN THESE MEETINGS, IN ADDITION TO MISOFFS, BY WASHINGTON REP (S), INCLUDING COORDINATOR FOR PROVISION OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND SOMEONE LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE FROM US

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AS WORKING CONSULTANT ON ORGANIZATIONAL/LEGAL ASPECTS
OF STUDY. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVICE RE ADDITIONAL
PARTICIPANT (S). END SUMMARY.

2. MISSION HAS DISCUSSED WITH MECKONI, CATLIN, AND
PENDER AGENCY'S PLANS FOR LEGAL/ORGANIZATIONAL ASPECTS
OF SUBJECT STUDY, AND OVERALL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULTANT
HELP THOSE AND OTHER ASPECTS. MECKONE HAD DISCUSSED
STUDY WITH HUGHES (UK/BNFL) IN VIENNA ATTENDING SAGSI
MEETING, AND WHO HAS BEEN NAMED BY UK TO COORDINATE
PROVIDION OF EXPERT CONSULTANT HELP BY UK. HUGHES
URGED MECKONI TO CONVENE INFORMAL GROUP OF HIMSELF AND
OTHER COORDINATING REPS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY
IN JAN, TO DISCUSS AVAILABILITY OF EXPERTS. HE SUG-
GESTED SUCH A GROUP ALSO BE ASKED COMMENT ON GENERAL
DIRECTION AND SCOPE OF OVERALL STUDY. IN ADDITION,
MECKONI HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT BOUSSARD (CEA/PRODUCTION)
HAS BEEN NAMED TO COORDINATE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL
CONSULTATING HELP FROM FRANCE.

3. BASED ON THIS, MECKONI IS SUGGESTING INFORMAL
DISCUSSION BE CONVENED JANUARY 19 TO 21, TO INCLUDE
REPS OF FRANCE, UK, FRG, AND US, FOR PURPOSES OUT-
LINED BY HUGHES. HE ASSUMES BOUSSARD WOULD COME
ALTHOUGH PURPOSE OF PROPOSED MEETING IS
BROADER THAN BOUSSARD'S SPECIFIC TASK FOR TECHNICAL
COORDINATION. MECKONI HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED MATTER
WIT FRG. HE ASKED FOR US REACTION TO SUCH A MEETING.
(MISSION RECOMMENDATION SUMMARIZED BELOW.)

4. IN ADDITION, TO LAUNCH LEGAL/ORGANIZATIONAL
SIDE OF STUDY, AGENCY IS PLANNING TO INVITE REPS OF
EUROCHEMIC, URENCO, CMEA, EURODIFF, AND NEA TO
MEET WITH AGENCY STAFF DURING WEEK OF
JANUARY 26. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO HEAR LEGAL/ORGANIZATIONAL/EXPERIENCE
OF THESE GROUPS IN SETTING UP MULTINATIONAL/REGIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS. MISSION GAVE OPINION THAT SUCH
DISUCSSION WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF FOCUSED ON SOME
AGENCY-PREPARED PAPER, EITHER SET OF QUESTIONS TO
BE ANSWERED, OR OUTLINE OF AGENCY STUDY IN LEGAL/
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ORGANIZATIONAL AREA. IT WAS CLEAR THAT NONE OF

MECKONI, CATLIN, OR PENDER HAD PREPARED SUCH A
WORKING PAPER, AND ALL WOULD BE HARD-PRESSED TO
DO IT, BUT MISSION BELIEVES SOME EFFORT WILL BE
MADE. RE INVITATIONS TO US REPRESENTATIVE FOR THIS
FIRST LEGAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, MECKONI AND

PENDER SHOWED SOME HESITATION, SINCE NO INVITATIONS ARE GOING TO OTHER THAN MULTINATIONAL ENTITIES NOTED ABOVE.

5. MISOFF ALSO HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH HUGHES ON DECEMBER 11, AND HAS FOLLOWED UP WITH UK RESREP SLATER. BASED ON THESE DISCUSSIONS, AND ON DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ACDA DIRECTOR IKLE AND THOMSON ET AL IN LONDON DECEMBER 1, IT IS CLEAR THAT UK WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT PRIVATELY WITH US ON SCOPE AND DIRECTION OF SUBJECT STUDY. MISSION CONCURS IN USEFULNESS OF SUCH CONSULTATION. AN APPROPRIATE TIME WOULD APPEAR TO BE JUST PRIOR TO THE JANUARY 19 VIENNA MEETING (PARA 3 ABOVE), E.G. ON JANUARY 16. PROBABLE UK PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE HUGHES AND SLATER, AND PERHAPS HERZIG.

6. AS NOTED IN PARA 2, PURPOSE OF JANUARY 19 TO 21 MEETING WOULD BE TWO-FOLD: DISCUSSION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND OF OVERALL DIRECTION OF STUDY. RE COORDINATION OF PROVISION OF TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS, HUGHES (UK), BOUSSARD (FRANCE), AND PRESUMABLY FRG PARTICIPANT, WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE STARTING TO GAIN BACKGROUND TO PERFORM COMMUNICATION FUNCTION BETWEEN MECKONI AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS, AS THEIR VIENNA MISSIONS CONTAIN NO TECHNICAL STAFF OR OTHERS AVAILABLE TO FOLLOW

SUBJECT STUDY. A SIMILAR PARTICIPANT FROM WASHINGTON WOULD BE WELCOME BY MECKONI AND MISSION, IF SUCH A COORDINATOR EXISTS OR IS PLANNED. ON THE OTHER HAND, MISSION HAS BEEN CONSULTING MECKONI REGULARLY OVER LAST FEW MONTHS, AND COULD FILL IN, IF INFO RE AVAILABILITY US PERSONNEL IS PROVIDED IN ADVANCE OF MEETING.
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7. RE US ATTENDANCE AT PROPOSED MEETING DURING WEEK OF JANUARY 26, MISSION SUGGESTED TO MECKONI AND PENDER THAT IF CONSULTANT WHO WOULD BE DOING PART OF CONCEPTUAL AND DRAFTING WORK ON ORGANIZATIONAL/LEGAL PART OF AGENCY STUDY WERE AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE LOGICAL FOR HIM TO ATTEND, AT LEAST AS OBSERVER, THIS FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL/LEGAL DISCUSSION WITH EUROCHEMIC ET AL. MECKONI AND CATLIN ARE RECEPTIVE TO THIS IDEA. (MISSION UNDERSTANDS, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT JOHN PALFREY OR DAVID KLEIN MAY BE AVAILABLE ON SUCH A CONSULTANCY BASIS).

8. IN SUMMARY, MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT WE ARRANGE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN VIENNA WITH UK REPS FOR

APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 16. WE ALSO RECOMMEND
THAT IF POSSIBLE, US CONSULTANT/EXPERT, WHO WOULD
SUBSEQUENTLY BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST SECRETARIAT IN CONCEPTUAL
AND DRAFTING WORK ON ORGANIZATIONAL/LEGAL PART OF
STUDY, BE AVAILABLE IN VIENNA FOR AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE
OF PERIOD JANUARY 15 TO JANUARY 30. HE COULD IN
THAT PERIOD A) CONSULT WITH MISSION, B) ATTEND BILATERAL
DISCUSSION WITH UK, C) ATTEND US-UK-FRG-FRANCE
COORDINATOR'S SESSION, AND D) ATTEND DISCUSSION WITH EUROCHEMIC ET
AL. HE WOULD THEN BE IN POSITION
TO TAKE EARLY AND ACTIVE PART IN GUIDING
IMPORTANT AND RATHER DELICATE LEGAL /ORGANIZATIONAL PART OF SUBJ-
ECT STUDY, WHICH IS THUS FAR MOVING SLOWLY AT BEST. IF, IN
ADDITIONA, US COORDINATOR FOR PROVISION OF RECHNICAL
CONSULTING ON SPECIFIC FUEL CYCLE COSTS, ETC. IS
IDENTIFIABLE AND AVAILABLE, HE SHOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE
IN US-UK DISCUSSIONS AND ATTEND PROPOSED COORDINATING
MEETINGS JANUARY 19-21. LABOWITZ

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